

COUNTY OF BRANT COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Chambers, Paris
Tuesday, June 16, 2009
7:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Eddy, Councillors Wheat, Schmitt, Haggart, Simons, Powell, Chambers, Hodge, Coleman and Gatward.

Regrets: Councillor Atfield

Staff: Compeau, Johnston, Underwood, Bell, Ballantyne and Carman.

Mayor Eddy in the Chair.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Eddy welcomed Councillor Powell back to the Council table. Councillor Powell thanked members of Council, staff and community members for their get well wishes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the Brant County Council agenda and addendum for the June 16, 2009 meeting be approved as distributed, with the addition of a resolution.

. Carried

DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/PETITIONS**St. George Wastewater Allocation**

James Hitchon, representing Glenwood Homes, advised that he is in complete agreement with the revised staff report regarding the St George Wastewater allocation, noting that their issues have been satisfactorily addressed.

TH&B Rail Trail

Jason Virtue, Treasurer of the Shellard Neighbourhood Association, requested that Council consider the paving of the TH&B rail trail from the City's boundary to the boundary with Norfolk County to make the trail more usable by walkers, bikers, roller bladers, people pushing strollers, and people using wheelchairs. He suggested that the County access funds available through the National Trails Infrastructure Fund and other available funds so that the trail could be paved, rather than using stone dust.

Barb Walsworth, Chair of the Shellard Neighbourhood Association, read a letter from Cameron Hawley, 23 Cashel Crescent, requesting that the TH&B trail be paved so that families and disabled persons can use it for various recreational activities.

Proposal for 35-Unit Affordable Housing Project at Russell Heights, St. George

Ted Roberts, Chair of the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation, provided a brief history of the Russell Heights seniors housing which opened in 1983 with 25 units, noting that the building has been at full capacity since opening. The South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation received a grant of \$10,000 to investigate an expansion of the Russell Heights building. As a result of a needs assessment and survey results, the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation is proposing to submit an application to the City of Brantford under the Development of New Affordable Rental Housing program for a 35-unit seniors' affordable rental apartment building adjacent to Russell Heights. Mr. Roberts advised that in order to submit this application by the June 26 deadline, the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation is requesting the following commitments from Brant County Council:

- servicing allocation for the 35 units of seniors housing
- support of their intent to submit a proposal for affordable housing funding
- waiver of building and planning fees related to the proposed affordable housing building
- consideration of an additional grant of approximately \$478,000

Mr. Roberts noted that there may be additional requests if the project is approved to move forward.

M. Sharpe Reservoir and Pumping Station Tender

Keith Zorn, Vice-President of Maple Reinders Constructors Ltd., provided information on his company's tender submission for the M. Sharpe Reservoir and Pumping Station, noting that his company submitted the lowest tender price, this price being \$35,004 less than the second lowest tender. He stated that he felt that his company had been unfairly evaluated on the equipment schedule, in that all this work was being subcontracted out and that no equipment from his company was being used on the project. He noted his concern that Maple Reinders had not been given an opportunity to clarify their interpretation of the equipment schedule request. Mr. Zorn requested that Council not approve the recommendation of the Public Works Committee and instead approve the lowest bid received for this project.

Trails Consultant – Interim Report.

Bruce Cudmore, EDA Collaborative Inc., presented a progress report on the Trails Master Plan process. This process is approximately 50% completed, with a completion date anticipated for early Fall.

As part of the consultation process for the Trails Master Plan, twenty different individuals and stakeholder groups were interviewed. A public open house is scheduled for June 24 at the Burford Community Centre to receive input on trail development, and surveys have been distributed throughout the County for submission by the end of June.

Mr. Cudmore reviewed the four phases of the process and the goals of the Master Plan. He outlined the need for a good, comprehensive trails system from an environmental, social and economic benefit perspective. The trails should provide for a variety of uses, both motorized and non-motorized, noting that the significant increase in ATVs is one of the issues that needs to be addressed. Other key issues that need to be addressed include designation of uses for the trails, safety and security, accessibility, trails etiquette, interconnection of the trail network, long-term funding for maintenance of the trails, and integration of future trail development as part of the planning applications for new development.

Mr. Cudmore reviewed the potential trail users, the existing trails within the County (including bike routes), natural and cultural features in the trails network, and a potential trail hierarchy map outlining primary, secondary and tertiary trails within the County. The next steps in the process include development of the trail network, management program, design and implementation strategy.

In response to questions, the Director of Community Services outlined the membership of the Trails Steering Committee that was approved at the initiation of the Trails Master Plan process. Councillor Chambers noted that the trail that is indicated from Mount Vernon through Burford to Hatchley has been sold to abutting property owners. In response to discussion regarding the finish for the TH&B Trail, the Director of Community Services advised that trail finishes should be discussed once the uses for the trails have been determined. She noted that the Brant Waterways Foundation has been given approval by Brant County Council to proceed with an application for funding for the completion of the TH&B trail from the Brantford boundary to the Norfolk County boundary.

John Noble Home Submission for the Redevelopment of B & C Beds

Eleanor Maslin, Administrator of the John Noble Home, and Shelly Proulx, Manager of Financial Services, presented an overview of the Home's proposed submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care to redevelop 105 beds under their Renewal Strategy. Mrs. Maslin noted that Phase 1 of the redevelopment of 51 beds will be completed in September 2009. The remaining 105 beds will be upgraded over three years, starting in 2010. She outlined the one-time funding of \$639,025 that is available for this project, and the per diem funding of \$14.30 per resident/day for the upgraded beds. The total estimated cost of the project is \$14,742,000, including soft costs, with the County's share of debenture payments for the next twenty-five years being \$141,480 per year.

MINUTES

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Simons

That the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the minutes of the June 8, 2009 special meeting of Brant County Council be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the minutes of the June 8, 2009 In Camera Committee of the Whole meeting be adopted, copies having been forwarded to the members prior to the meeting.

.Carried

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APPOINTEES TO THE GRAND RIVER CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That pursuant to the requirements of the Conservation Authorities Act, Councillors Robert Chambers and Brian Coleman be appointed as the County of Brant representatives to the Grand River Conservation Authority for the term ending November 30, 2010.

. Carried

CONSENT ITEMS

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Coleman

That the following Information Reports be received:

1. Staff Appointments – February – May, 2009 – report from Cindy Edwards, Human Resources Advisor.
2. Decisions from the May 28, 2009 Committee of Adjustment meeting.
3. Applications to be heard at the June 25 Committee of Adjustment meeting.

And that the following Consent Communications items be received:

1. AMO Member Communications:
 - a. Green Energy Act Planning Approval Regulation Consultations.
 - b. Federal and Provincial Governments commit \$2.3 billion to municipal infrastructure.
 - c. Municipalities working with Federal and Provincial Governments to create jobs and invest in Ontario.
 - d. Government announces consultation process on long-term affordable Housing Strategy.
 - e. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing signs Housing Agreement with Federal Government.
 - f. Needle Safety Regulatory Review.
 - g. *Count Me In!* Community Challenge underway.
2. Federation of Canadian Municipalities:
 - a. The Federal Role in Rural Development
 - b. Rural Canada by the Numbers
3. Ministry of Natural Resources – Proposed habitat regulation for the Jefferson Salamander.
4. Ontario Good Roads – Board Brief for April 2009.
5. Ontario Power Authority – Challenge to Ontario municipalities to conserve energy on August 14, 2009.
6. News release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Notice of Affordable Housing Strategy Consultations.
7. Information from the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure on the *Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth* report.
8. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – June *Update* newsletter.
9. Notification of OMB appeals for the Hopewell Industrial Subdivision from:
 - a. City of Brantford
 - b. Ministry of the Attorney General
 - c. Ella Haley

10. Horizon Holdings – Information on 2008 Sustainability-based Annual Report.
11. Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board – notification of new Board structure, mandate and appointment of Fred Neukamm as Chair of the Board.
12. Clean Air Hamilton 2008 Progress Report.
13. Paris Museum and Historical Society – Thank you for 2009 grant.
14. Minutes of Meetings:
 - a. Paris BIA – May 12, 2009
 - b. County of Brant Library Board – May 12, 2009
 - c. City of Brantford Environmental Policy Advisory Committee – May 14, 2009
 - d. Lake Erie Region Source Protection Committee – May 7, 2009
 - e. Committee of Adjustment – May 28, 2009.
 - f. Long Point Region Conservation Authority – May 6, 2009
 - g. Grand River Conservation Authority – April 24 and May 19, 2009.
15. Update on Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and Communities Component funding.

. Carried

It was agreed that the following action would be taken on two consent items:

- Feed-in Tariff contract posted for comment – **referred to Brant County Power**
- Ministry of Revenue – Information on Single Sales Tax – **referred for consideration under resolutions**

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Councillor Chambers presented the following report from the June 8, 2009 meeting of the Corporate Development Committee, noting that Recommendation 3 should be revised to show 92 m³/day instead of 64 m³/day as set out in the staff report prepared by Lee Robinson, Manager of Infrastructure Services:

1. Whereas staff have been authorized to take the necessary steps to secure the grant and loan funding for the upgrades to the Mount Pleasant Water Supply Facility;

And whereas the Treasurer has determined that the estimated annual amount payable in respect of the loan would not cause the County to exceed the County's debenture limit;

That the County of Brant enter into a loan agreement and a grant agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities as Trustee of the Green Municipal Fund;

And that the Mayor and the Clerk be authorized to sign the agreements.

2. That Council establish a meeting date at the conclusion of the Official Plan adoption process to discuss with Senior Staff an economic development strategy for the County of Brant."

3. **(Correction)** Whereas the County has received and reviewed a revised report entitled St. George Water Pollution Control Plant Process Capacity Assessment by Gamsby and Mannerow Limited dated April 2009 (revised June 4, 2009);

And whereas the County has received some development inquiries in the St. George Urban Settlement Area;

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And whereas the County Solicitor has advised that the County must retain the allocation for the former Parmalat property (domestic use –5 m³/day);

And whereas there is sufficient water supply capacity for **92 64** m³/day;

And whereas it is necessary to retain a “buffer” of 15 m³/day in accordance with MOE guidelines;

Be it hereby resolved that Council Policy # PBEC-1-04 – Servicing Capacity – St. George be rescinded and replaced with the following policy:

“That the current (as of May 1, 2009) uncommitted hydraulic reserve capacity of the St. George Water Pollution Control Plant is **92 64** m³/day. Plan of Subdivisions and Plan of Condominiums may be considered for draft plan approval until such time as this capacity is depleted. “

That the allocation will be given at the time of Draft Plan Approval and in accordance with the Official Plan Policies. Development Services Staff will keep a “running total” of the number of single detached residential units available.

That once the running total of allocation of **92 64** m³/day has been achieved, no further applications for draft plan approval for Plans of Subdivision or Plans of Condominium will be considered.”

And further be it hereby resolved that staff be directed to obtain a work plan for the optimization and potential additional capacity of the St. George Water Pollution Control Plant to be presented to Committee for their review and recommendation to Council.

4. That a grant of \$1,700.00 to the Burford Bulldogs Hockey Club be approved to offset their application fee for Zoning By-law Amendment File No. ZBA12/09/SS.

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That the report of the Corporate Development Committee from its June 8, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

PUBLIC WORKS

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the June 9, 2009 meeting of the Public Works Committee, it being agreed that Recommendations 8 and 14 would be dealt with separately:

1. That the request received from the Paris Block Parents for the County of Brant to fund the purchase and installation of eight (8) Block Parent Community signs and five (5) sign posts be approved.
2. That the Public Works Department be authorized to single source the Supply and Installation of Winter Control Equipment for (1) one tandem axle truck from Viking-Cives Ltd., Mount Forest, Ontario, at the quoted price of \$101,210.00 plus taxes.

3. That the Supply and Installation of Tandem Winter Control Equipment for two (2) tandem axel trucks be awarded to Viking Cives Ltd., Mt. Forest at the quoted price of \$69,672.00 per truck (plus taxes), that being compliant with required specifications and the only bid received.
4. That the purchase of 1 (one) new Four Cubic Yard Articulated Loader be awarded to Nortrax Canada Limited, Stoney Creek, Ontario, at the quoted price of \$200,644.00 (plus taxes) as outlined under Option "B", having met or exceeded minimum required specifications at the lowest price.
5. That the purchase of 1 (one) new 125 Horsepower MFWD Rubber Tire Backhoe Loader be awarded to Nortrax Canada Limited, Stoney Creek, Ontario, at the quoted price of \$177,710.00 (plus taxes) as outlined under Option "B" having met or exceeded minimum required specifications.
6. That the purchase of one 1 Ton HD Cab and Chassis Truck be awarded to Brant County Ford, Brantford, at the quoted price of \$27,729 (plus taxes), that being the only bid received compliant with required specifications.
7. That the purchase of one Brush Chipper be awarded to Vermeer Canada, Brampton, at the quoted price of \$49,575 (plus taxes), that being compliant with required specifications and the only bid received.
8. Whereas the County has received a Recommendation for Award from Gamsby and Mannerow, with regard to tender WD 1-09 "M. Sharpe Reservoir and Pumping Station Expansion"

And whereas there are sufficient funds in the approved 2009 budget to complete the project;

Be it hereby resolved that in reliance upon the recommendation of Gamsby and Mannerow, dated June 4, 2009, that tender WD 1-09 "M. Sharpe Reservoir and Pumping Station Expansion" be awarded to Sierra Construction Limited for the tendered price of \$3,516,400.70, including all taxes.

9. Whereas the County has scheduled installation of a new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system for the County's five municipal residential water systems in phases;

And whereas Phase 1 is nearing satisfactory completion, design of Phase 2 is nearly complete, and it is timely to engage a contractor to construct Phase 2 for which sufficient funds are provided in the Water Capital Budget;

And whereas Summa Engineering Limited, Mississauga, Ontario, has satisfactorily constructed Phase 1 of the project;

And whereas engaging Summa Engineering Limited to construct Phase 2 will provide compatibility with the existing works, and will result in efficiencies and cost savings in both the short and long term, and since they are available to do this highly specialized work, it is desirable to engage Summa Engineering for this work;

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And whereas, the County's Purchasing Bylaw allows negotiation with a single supplier when compatibility with existing services is a primary consideration provided prior approval of the appropriate Standing Committee is obtained, and where the negotiated purchase is greater than \$50,000 the purchase shall be subject to approval from Council following a report being made to the appropriate Standing Committee;

Be it hereby resolved that the Public Works Committee grant the Water Division Manager approval to negotiate with Summa Engineering Limited, Mississauga, Ontario, to construct Phase 2 of the SCADA system for the County's four municipal residential water systems in Airport, Cainsville, Mt. Pleasant, and St. George;

And that a subsequent report be made to Council for approval of the purchase of services.

10. Whereas sanitary sewers were recently installed on Cedar Street and King Edward Street in Paris;

And whereas the property owner of 20 Cedar Street desires to connect to the sanitary system in conjunction with additions to the existing building through the site plan control process;

And whereas lot frontage fees and connection permit fees for a new connection to the sanitary system on Cedar Street and King Edward Street will be payable upon connection to the system, in accordance with the County's Fees and Charges By-law 19-09, at the rates current at the time of connection;

And whereas the County has received a request from the property owner of 20 Cedar Street to postpone payment of the frontage fees along the Cedar Street frontage;

And whereas the combined Cedar Street and King Edward Street frontages are considerable (approximately 300 metres);

Be it hereby resolved that the request from the property owner of 20 Cedar Street to postpone payment of the Cedar Street sanitary frontage fees be granted, provided that:

- Sanitary frontage fees for the King Edward Street portion of 20 Cedar Street (approximately 50 metres) and connection fees will be payable through the County's site plan control process for the proposed building addition, at the rates specified in the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law current at the time of Public Works Permit application.
- Sanitary frontage fees for the Cedar Street portion of 20 Cedar Street (approximately 250 metres) and connection fees will be payable upon future development of the subject lands or when the southerly portion is connected to the system, through a Public Works Permit application or agreement with the County, at the rates specified in the County of Brant Fees and Charges By-law current at the time of Public Works Permit application or agreement registration.
- The owner of 20 Cedar Street is to provide the County with a letter advising that they acknowledge that the Cedar Street portion of the sanitary frontage fees will be payable in the future, in conjunction with the terms of the above noted condition of approval.

And be it hereby resolved that the applicant receives all of the required approvals prior to connecting to the sanitary system.

11. Whereas there are sufficient funds in the approved 2009 Capital Budget for the works,

Be it hereby resolved that the scope of Urban and Environmental Management Inc. (UEM) original proposal be amended to include consultant services for the design and implementation of the closure of River Road (excluding works to Houlding Bridge) and the review of potential improvement alternatives for Fawcett Road, Old Greenfield Road and Newport Road, for the quoted price of \$34,195 (excluding G.S.T.), in accordance with their revised fee schedule and scope of works.

12. Whereas there are sufficient funds in the budget for the proposal,

Be it hereby resolved that "RFP 4-09 Engineering Services for King Edward Street Reconstruction between Church Street and Rest Acres Road" be awarded to Weslake a division of Trow Associates Inc., for the quoted price of \$42,461.13 (excluding G.S.T.) for the completion of the applicable Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), pre-engineering investigation and design for the potential reconstruction of King Edward Street between Church Street and Rest Acres Road in Paris, Ontario.

13. Whereas there are sufficient funds in the 2009 budget to complete the project;

Be it hereby resolved that the Tender RDT 14-09 "Hot Mix Paving - Brant County Road #18" be awarded to Capital Paving Inc. for the tendered price of \$ 884,153.00, including all taxes.

14. Whereas the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is of the opinion that the works are an alteration to a dam and not a bridge deck replacement and therefore will not issue a Work Permit for the Brant Mill Bridge without undertaking an assessment on the dam structure;

And whereas the County of Brant is the owner of the bridge structure and Brant Flour Mill is the owner of the dam structure;

And whereas the County of Brant has received correspondence from the MNR that sets out seven requirements needed in order to receive approval of a Work Permit from the MNR;

Be it hereby resolved that the remedial work for the Brant Mill Bridge not be undertaken at this time;

And that the funds currently allocated for the Brant Mill Bridge be transferred to the Cunningham Bridge;

And that staff be authorized to undertake the work required on the Cunningham Bridge needed to remove the weight restriction on the Cunningham Bridge.

15. That "No Heavy Trucks" signs be installed on:

- Dunbar Street, east of East River Road, on the south side;
- Dunbar Street, west of Princess Street, on the north side;
- Glen Morris Road East, east of East River Road, on the south side;
- Glen Morris Road East, west of Princess Street, on the north side.

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16. Whereas at its September 16, 2009 meeting, County Council approved the joint County of Brant / City of Brantford award of tender "RFT 08-161, Supply and Delivery of Road Salt for the 2008-2009 Winter Season for the County of Brant" to Sifto Canada Inc. ("Sifto");

And whereas Sifto had initially requested a 6% increase in the per tonne price, claiming that increased demand over the past two winter seasons has created a "supply and demand" situation resulting in the need for the 6% increase in the per tonne price;

And whereas subsequent to negotiation, Sifto has resubmitted the request for a 3% increase in the per tonne price;

And whereas the Salt Supply Contract with Sifto Canada Inc. provides for two one year contract extensions;

Be it hereby resolved that Public Works Staff be authorized to proceed with a one year contract extension for the 2009 -2010 season, at the per tonne price of \$65.10;

And further that should Sifto Canada Inc. be agreeable, that Public Works Staff be authorized to secure the \$65.10 per tonne price for one additional year, being the 2010-2011 winter season.

17. That the correspondence received from residents regarding speed concerns on Scenic Drive be received as information and referred to Public Works staff for a report to be submitted to the July 14, 2009 meeting of Committee;

And that until such time as the report has been received from Public Works staff, conclusively identifying that additional and / or alternative action is required:

- i. that the speed limit on Scenic Drive be reduced to 50 km/hr; and
- ii. that the "40 km/hr" advisory speed tab signs presently located on Scenic Drive be left in place.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That Recommendations 1 – 7, 9 – 13 and 15 – 17 of the Public Works Committee report from its June 9, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That Recommendation 8 of the Public Works Committee report from its June 9, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Gatward

That Recommendation 14 of the Public Works Committee report from its June 9, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT – JOHN NOBLE HOME

Councillor Coleman presented the following report from the June 3, 2009 meeting of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home:

1. John Noble Home April 30, 2009 Monthly Budget Summary (PHSS2009-31)
That the Monthly Budget Summary for April 30, 2009 for the John Noble Home be accepted as presented.
2. John Noble Home Quality Improvement Report – April 2009 (PHSS2009-32)
That the John Noble Home monthly Quality Improvement Report for April 2009 be received for information.
3. Redistribution of John Noble Home 2009 Capital Funding to Cover all Previously Approved Projects (PHSS2009-33)
That the John Noble Home request to transfer up to a maximum of \$25,000 from the funded capital project for rooftop air conditioning units and environmental upgrades to tunnels to the funded capital project for roof repairs be approved.
4. Results of John Noble Home Family Survey (PHSS2009-34)
That Report PHSS2009-34 on the results of the John Noble Home Family Satisfaction Survey be received.

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the report of the Committee of Management – John Noble Home from its June 3, 2009 meeting be adopted.

.Carried

STAFF REPORT

John Noble Home – Redevelopment of 105 B and C Beds

Moved by – Councillor Coleman
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That John Noble Home staff be authorized to proceed with an application to the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, under the Renewal Strategy Program for B, C, and D Beds, for the redevelopment of 105 B and C beds at the John Noble Home.

. Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Grand River Conservation Authority – Status Update – Cumulative Impacts of Aggregate Extraction Below the Water Table – **received for information.**
2. Inspector Dave Durant, Brant County O.P.P. – Information on OPP Quality Assurance Final Report and monitoring of prisoners in custody

The Associate Director of Corporate Services advised that matrons and guards would be used on an “as needed” basis. Since this service has not been budgeted for by the County, the O.P.P. will absorb the cost until the contract is renewed in 2010.

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Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the information from the Brant County O.P.P. regarding the monitoring of prisoners in custody be referred to 2010 budget discussions.

. Carried

3. Six Nations Council – Press Release on Land Use Consultation and Accommodation Policy in the Haldimand Tract

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the Six Nations Land Use Consultation and Accommodation Policy for the Haldimand Tract be received as information for ongoing discussion and dialogue with the Six Nations Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Haggart
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

That Mayor Eddy contact Chief Montour to arrange a meeting between Brant County Council and Six Nations Council to discuss the Land Use Consultation and Accommodation Policy and other matters of joint interest.

. Carried

4. Brant Waterways Foundation – TH&B Trail Development

Director Underwood advised that in accordance with Council's approval for the Brant Waterways Foundation to submit an application for funding for development of the TH&B as a multi-use trail, an application has been submitted to the RInC funding program. Although Brant Waterways has indicated that they will only develop the trail if it is paved, the County has made no decision on the finish pending information that will be forthcoming from the Trails Master Plan process. She noted that it has been suggested that the County of Brant apply for funding through the National Trails Canada Coalition for paving of the LE&N trail.

Moved by – Councillor Schmitt
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That Mary Welsh of the Brant Waterways Foundation be permitted to address Council to clarify matters regarding the TH&B Trail.

. Carried

Ms. Welsh advised that the Brant Waterways Foundation has applied for RInC funding of \$1.5 million to develop the TH&B Trail with a hard surface through the County from the City boundary to the Norfolk County boundary (12 km). She explained that Norfolk County has applied for a grant to develop the trail from the Brant County boundary to Simcoe, utilizing a stone dust surface. The Waterford Heritage Trail would like to have the trail paved from the Brant County boundary to Waterford. Ms. Welsh suggested that the County apply for a National Trails Coalition grant to pave the LE&N trail between Brantford and Mount Pleasant, and then to further develop the trail from Mount Pleasant

to Oakland Road, and then along the Oakland Road right-of-way to meet the TH& B trail. She noted that Brant Waterways has access to 5,000 tonnes of donated stone dust that could be used on this trail.

5. Waterous Holden Amey Hitchon re: Boundary adjustment for Kelly Brant Homes Ltd., Mount Pleasant Street

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Haggart

That Mayor Eddy discuss with Mayor Hancock the proposal from Waterous Holden Amy Hitchon regarding a boundary adjustment for Kelly Brant Homes Ltd., Mount Pleasant Street.

. Carried

6. McLean Taylor – Request for approval to close the Grand River Bridge for short durations

The Director of Public Works advised that County staff will be posting signs to advise of the ten-minute traffic delays that will occur during the concrete pouring on the Grand River Bridge. In addition, the contractor will be posting a flagman at an intersection prior to the bridge to give drivers an alternate route around the bridge.

7. Terry Bonnett, President, Waterford Heritage Trail re: TH&B section in Norfolk County – **received as information.**
8. Ron Rattie re: paving of TH&B Trail – **received as information.**

QUESTIONS

1. In response to a question regarding the status of the hiring a consultant to review the future uses for the Syl Apps Arena, it was noted that the funds for this project were removed from the 2009 budget. It was suggested that this may be an opportune time to apply for a grant for the consultant through one of the infrastructure funding programs. Staff was requested to report on this request at the next Council meeting.

HARMONIZATION OF SALES TAXES

Moved by – Councillor Simons
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas the economy in Canada and in the Province of Ontario is faced with an unstable climate and high unemployment rates;

And whereas people's savings and investment portfolios have been drastically affected by the world economic condition;

And whereas the Provincial Government recently announced the harmonization of the 5% GST and the 8% PST;

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And whereas this harmonized sales tax will negatively impact all consumers, by implementing the proposed harmonized tax to almost all goods and services that were previously exempt from PST, such as, but not limited to, home heating, fuel, water, hydro, used cars, real estate commissions, prescriptions, registration fees and memberships for recreational services used by seniors and children;

Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the County of Brant petition the Province of Ontario to stop the implementation of the proposed Provincial Harmonized Sales Tax until more public consultation and input is received.

. Carried

SUPPORT OF HOMEGROWN ONTARIO™ PRODUCTS

Moved by – Councillor Wheat
Seconded by – Councillor Schmitt

Whereas the County of Brant supports practices that contribute to the creation of a sustainable environment;

And whereas Homegrown Ontario™ is a brand that allows Ontario consumers to support Ontario farmers by purchasing Ontario-produced meat and poultry;

And whereas Ontario farmers adhere to the highest quality standards set forth by the Canadian provincial and federal government regulatory boards;

Therefore be it resolved that the procurement practice of purchasing meat and poultry products produced by Ontario farmers be identified as the preferred local sustainable procurement practice;

Be it further resolved that the purchase of all Ontario produced meat and poultry sourced locally requires the burning of less fossil fuel than food trucked or even flown in from hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Delegation Request form for 2009 AMO Conference.
2. Invitation to presentation of SCOR Strategic Management Plan to five participating Councils on Tuesday, June 30 at the Lion's Den, 45 Hardy Avenue, Tillsonburg.
3. Invitation to Brant United Way Annual General Meeting – June 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Paris Fairgrounds.
4. Invitation to Brantford/Brant County Community Summit from the Ontario Public Service Employees Union to be held on Thursday, June 25 at 333 Erie Avenue.
5. Invitation to Council and staff from the Paris Soccer Club to the opening of their new clubhouse on Woodslee Avenue, Paris on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.
6. Invitation to Community Workshop on the City of Brantford Economic Development Strategy to be held at the Brantford and District Civic Centre on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

7. Invitation to Safety Patrol Celebration at Paris Central School on Monday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m.
8. Request from South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation – It was agreed that the requests from the South Dumfries Non-Profit Housing Corporation would be referred to County staff for the preparation of a report.

The meeting recessed at 9:30 p.m. and resumed at 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL TRAILS COALITION FUNDING

Moved by – Councillor Gatward
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That County of Brant staff be authorized to apply for National Trails Coalition funding for a multi-use trail.

. Carried

In Camera at 9:45 p.m. to discuss property negotiations and personal matters regarding identifiable individuals, on motion of Councillors Coleman and Hodge.

This portion of the meeting is recorded in the In Camera – Confidential Brant County Council minutes dated June 16, 2009.

Open Session at 10:25 p.m., on motion of Councillors Schmitt and Gatward.

CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Hodge

That the In Camera report of the Corporate Development Committee from its June 8, 2009 meeting be adopted.

. Carried

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Moved by – Councillor Chambers
Seconded by – Councillor Wheat

That the following County of Brant staff appointments be approved, to be effective July 1, 2009:

- Don Glassford to be appointed Chief Administrative Officer
- Fran Bell to be appointed Director of Corporate Services
- Heather Mifflin to be appointed Treasurer

. Carried

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BY-LAWS

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the following by-laws be now read a first time:

- By-law Number 90-09 to assume .30 metre reserve lands, being part of Lot 1, Concession 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries, adjacent to East River Road, for public road purposes.
- By-law Number 91-09 to amend Parking By-law 164-01 (bus loading zone on Alexander Street).
- By-law Number 92-09 to authorize a Memorandum of Agreement with the Grand River Conservation Authority for the provision of services to complete an Assessment Report required under the Clean Water Act, 2006.
- By-law Number 93-09 to authorize an Addendum to the Funding Agreement for the Asset Management Program Project with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.
- By-law Number 94-09 to authorize a Grant Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities under the Green Municipal Fund for the Mount Pleasant Water Supply Facility.
- By-law Number 95-09 to authorize a Loan Agreement with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities under the Green Municipal Fund for the Mount Pleasant Water Supply Facility.
- By-law Number 96-09 to appoint Donald Glassford as Chief Administrative Officer.
- By-law Number 97-07 to appoint Geoffrey Hayman as Deputy Fire Chief.
- By-law Number 98-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the following by-laws be now read a second time and all clauses and preamble be adopted:

- By-law Number 90-09 to assume .30 metre reserve lands, being part of Lot 1, Concession 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries, adjacent to East River Road, for public road purposes.
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- By-law Number 98-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

Moved by – Councillor Hodge
Seconded by – Councillor Chambers

That the following by-laws be now read a third time, passed, signed and sealed:

- By-law Number 90-09 to assume .30 metre reserve lands, being part of Lot 1, Concession 3, geographic Township of South Dumfries, adjacent to East River Road, for public road purposes.
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- By-law Number 98-09 to confirm the proceedings of Council.

. Carried

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m. to meet again on **Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers.

Mayor

Date Minutes Approved

Clerk